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Editorial Announcements.

In order to add still more to the attraction and vigor of the WATCHMAN we have secured the editorial assistance of ALF. S. KIMBALL, late editor and proprietor of the Louisville (Ky.) Sentinel on the Border, and Council Bluffs (Iowa) Daily Democrat. With the arrangements we are now making and have already completed, we intend that this Journal shall be second to none in Pennsylvania or in any other State. The contents of the WATCHMAN this week indicate, to a certain extent, what its readers may expect in the future. It will be filled almost exclusively with original matter—spicy, fearless and full of fire, and it will seek to occupy the front rank as a thoroughly Democratic family newspaper, "asking no quarter, granting none."

Renewal—New Dress—Fourteenth Year.

The present number (50) closes the thirteenth year of the Belleville Democratic WATCHMAN. No paper will be issued until January 1, 1869, when it will be served to its host of readers in an entirely new dress, greatly improved in intrinsic value and appearance.

With the new volume, the fourteenth year of its Democratic existence commences, and it will enter the field of politics with the same unimpaired and the unimpaired zeal of the Right, that has ever distinguished it. It remains hoping to have down the evil day for this people, which had its birth in the early days of the WATCHMAN's existence, and to "keep the death" of it in the past. It is a paper worthy of the support of a patriotic citizen. It is a paper that will not be "run down" by the "democratic" press, and it will not be "run down" by the "democratic" press.

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While we do not entirely approve of the demands often made by the city journals upon the country press, and particularly by those of New York and Philadelphia, which expect the most of columns of space in their papers for the insinuations of a daily war, still we have less applause for such Democratic journals as put before their readers the prospectives of the vile Black Republican Press, the meanest and vilest of which in this State is one of FORTNEY'S "my two papers both daily." It is by just this thoughtless course that every vile and worthless publication has been put into the hands of the people. By this means the N.Y. Tribune, HARPER'S lying prints, the East Sentinel, and other Black Republican trash, has been stuck under the nose of the public, to the great wrong of virtue, decency, liberty, and Democracy. How editors professing to be Democratic can lower themselves so far as to aid in the circulation of FORTNEY'S thieving, lying journal, over such an able and truthful Democratic paper as the Patriot, we cannot conceive. Are our Democratic county journals demoralized, or are their conductors insane?

Suffrage Frauds.

Radical newspapers have had much to say since the late election about imaginary frauds perpetrated by the Democracy, especially in New York. Did they possess but a modicum of truth, or respectability, they would be extremely cautious in broaching a subject of rascality which to their party has been a source of prosperity and power for seven years past. The leaders of their organization have graduated in election frauds, and established and endowed with the public funds a distinct school of rascality. The organs in question cry out about frauds without facts or proof, of course, in every instance wherever the Democracy happen to secure a majority on the popular vote, forgetting the while how their leaders manipulated the ballot-box to suit themselves throughout the war. They seem to have no remembrance of the manner in which the army vote was invariably forced, bribed and influenced, and how the returns were tampered with during their transmission home. They know nothing, of course, about the infamous use of the bayonet to hold Maryland and Kentucky in the coils of Abolition despotism, while the war was progressing. By way of reminder of this most infamous chapter in the record made by the Nigger party, let them turn to the election "returns" of these States in 1863, when through disfranchisement of event-tenths of the real citizen, the nigger party were able to secure what they grimly called victories. Let them compare those infamous "returns"—made up as they were largely of Northern soldiers—with the returns from those States in 1867, with a full vote of the real citizens and Democratic majorities of from fifty to eighty thousand, and thereby see if they are not prepared to admit the magnitude of Radical frauds on the ballot box. Let them also look at the present condition of West Virginia, a "State" made in violation of the organic law by the Rump Congress, where Radicalism holds power by the outrageous disfranchisement of many thousands of its best and most patriotic citizens.

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We suppose that the Radical organs which are so persistently crying fraud, have forgotten the part which one JOHN W. GEARY and his "Fugleman," one MITCHELL, a "good and true citizen of Philadelphia," perpetrated last fall at Fort Delaware. That fraud was so barefaced and so clearly proved that not a Radical organ had the temerity to defend it. One and all, they covered it up in silence, thus attempting to conceal from their dupes the moral rottenness which actuates their leaders at all times and in all cases.

In view of all these frauds, and thousands to which we cannot even allude here, perpetrated by the Radical leaders, to retain control of States and the general Government, it does not surprise us to find them and their organs crying out "fraud" whenever and wherever they are beaten. They have never succeeded except through fraud, and hence cannot comprehend how any party can succeed at the ballot-box except through the same rascalities which they perpetrated. When a party becomes so degraded—looking upon the ballot-box as a

"patent safe" arrangement to gull the unsophisticated and unwary—it is high time for that party to be overthrown, and one more honest brought forward. We are therefore firmly convinced of the absolute necessity of overthrowing the Radical party. Purity, peace and prosperity can never visit this country so long as its destinies are entrusted to an organization which has devoted itself to nothing but the destruction of the institutions under which the States and Federal Government flourished for three quarters of a century. It is the duty, therefore, of all fair minded men to labor for its overthrow, and in this respect never to let up, falter or pause.

The President's Message.

Another one of ANDREW JOHNSON'S Messages has been delivered to Congress, as good and no better than the many which have preceded it from his hand. But it is his last, in all probability, and the public will be spared further purposeless promises and the building up of hopes never to be realized.

It is needless to descant upon its many subjects, beyond the tame but deserving expression that, in a literary sense, it is an able document. All the President's State papers have been as able, as they were purposeless. The fact is, JOHNSON would have made a passably good Executive in peaceful times, and under the influence of greater minds, but his efforts of the past three or four years have exhibited to the scandal of those who were ready to sustain him in any cause, that he is only a small politician, unable to grasp the helm of a mighty ship in times of storm. He is weak in nerves, demagogic, and a dissembler. Had he been a true patriot and statesman, the country would now have been in a more peaceful and happy condition. He has filled the people with the example of "patent safe" arrangements, and has only succeeded in making the people more distrustful of his administration. He has only succeeded in making the people more distrustful of his administration.

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What Next?

What now is the duty of Democrats? Is the question which suggests itself to all patriots. Shall we see the Union of our fathers sink down into the grave of nations, dragging with it the corpses of the States, without a manly effort to stay the hand of spoliation and destruction? Shall we listlessly abide the downfall of Liberty and offer no Spartan resistance to the pirates who are undermining its supports in the western world? Shall we sleep when the worst pestilence of any age stalks about the land, snatching away at the dead hour of night the loved of our country's household? Shall we mourn in wretchedness of spirit that which may be saved from destruction by the strong arm of a brave people? Shall we weep over graves, that might never contain corpses, if we were but men such as our fathers? Shall we engage in the corrupt practices and the frivolous levity of the times, when the fabric of government of WASHINGTON is invaded and the Constitution of HANCOCK, and JEFFERSON, and MADISON, is consuming? Shall we sleep when the temples are falling, and Liberty, stripped of her white robes, is driven from her throne?

No! By the eternal God! let the Democracy of JEFFERSON be men as their fathers were men! Let them brave usurpation and despotism, as their fathers braved these, and stand up a wall of fire against the descendants of the Tories of GEORGE the Third! Let them prepare for what sooner or later must come—resistance, open, bold, and bloody, to tyranny and usurpation. Let them put their lives in order for the grim victor which again threatens to invade the sanctuary of peace! Let them organize to meet whatever is in store for them of war or woe, but never in mind, that to be true men, they be for much, and that to be free men, they be true men.

Democrats have a hard task, but they will not be deterred. They will not be deterred. They will not be deterred. They will not be deterred. They will not be deterred.

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and gallant Democracy to stand ready and prepared for any crisis, whatever may be next in store for them. To falter now is to insult the memories of the great, brave, and pure, who have gone before, and may even now be looking down with pity upon the groveling spirit of their unworthy descendants.

Let us be ready; when ready, the danger is less likely to need the application of force. Usurpation is theft, and thieves are cowards.

To the Democrats of the United States.

I have in press and will issue about January 1st, a volume entitled "Brick Batting Unmasked," being his bad Political and Moral record, the facts embraced in which are destined to create a deep sensation, and to set properly before the public a man who has obtained confidence and honors under false pretenses. The work will be truthful beyond question, and the style incisive and to the point. It will also be strongly and forcibly illustrated with fine engravings. Price by mail prepaid 50 cents. Orders addressed to me at Belleville, Pa., or Louisville, Ky., or to GEO. S. WILCOX, 49 Mercer street, New York, will receive earliest attention. If I shall here assert briefly, that in 1860 I

POMEROY invoked the violence of the dogs of war against Anti-War Democrats in La Crosse, That in 1851-2, he was engaged in the contraband cotton traffic, That in 1855, he published a touching eulogy on the Death of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, and That during the same week, he presided in the LINCOLN obsequies at La Crosse. The public will not be more surprised than astonished at this man's public and private life, if they read the "Buckskin Democrat."

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tutions, all are thoroughly imbued with the spirit of liberty and the rights of man. These facts are patent to every person in the land, yet, to subscribe the purposes of political tricksters, these citizens in prospective are to be set back and disfranchised for years after they have become fitted to exercise the rights of citizens. Is not such a proposition despicably unjust? And how much more so, when after having fulfilled the necessary probation, and become citizens, they are to be compelled to stand back for one year before being allowed to vote! Comment is unnecessary.

A change like the one proposed is additionally despicable, coming as it does from an organ which takes the negro, just as he comes, ignorant, degraded and barbarous, and endows him not only with the right of suffrage, but with privileges of citizenship which an European in this country, under the present laws, can never enjoy. It is evident that not one negro in a thousand in the Southern States, possesses intelligence or intellect enough to comprehend the mere rudiments of constitutional government. They are, in general, but one remove from the beasts of the field, and are scarcely able to exercise more than an automatic influence upon the country. For many years, if not perpetually, they will act as the "henchmen" or retainers of a more intelligent class of citizens, and hence become a prolific element of wrong and rascality. In view, therefore, of transgressing with the naturalization laws, it would be as well for the Radicals to put up a standard of intelligence by which to measure the hunch citizens of African descent in the South. But this would not suit the Radical leaders. They find in the intelligence of the negro a "blot" upon the "white" race, and they would prefer to keep the negro in the "huts" of the South, where he can be kept in a state of ignorance and stupidity, and hence a "blot" upon the "white" race. It is a fact, do not you forget, that the Nigger party, who were the "victors" of the late election, were the "victors" of the late election. It is a fact, do not you forget, that the Nigger party, who were the "victors" of the late election, were the "victors" of the late election. It is a fact, do not you forget, that the Nigger party, who were the "victors" of the late election, were the "victors" of the late election.

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